

"But a much more interesting account of the Szeklers' origin, and one which awakens in them a more responsive chord of patriotism, is that they were Hungarians who were transplanted to this rugged region in the eleventh century to act as a frontier guard against the constant encroachments of the Pechenegs and other savage tribes who threatened the kingdom of Hungary.

"Ladislaus I is credited with the scheme of this frontier guard, and it was he who first gave the Szeklers their reign which made him the most widely beloved ruler of his country during the middle ages of all Hungary. He died in the year 1055, after thirty years after his death, which occurred in 1085, and he was worshiped as a saint long before he was formally canonized.